

PROCLAMATION STEM DAY NOVEMBER 24, 2009

WHEREAS, STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and represents an educational curriculum based on these learning principles and an extensive use of digital age technologies; and

WHEREAS, an education rooted in science, technology, engineering and mathematics is important to preparing our young people for tomorrow's careers and ensuring a workforce that will continue to advance the growth and diversification of North Dakota's economy; and

WHEREAS, a STEM-focused education will help inspire students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and create a new generation of leaders grounded in the fundamental principles of technology and innovation; and

WHEREAS, West Fargo Public Schools is a pioneer in STEM education, and the West Fargo STEM Middle School is working hard to inspire and challenge its students and provide them with innovative educational opportunities that will help secure a strong future for them and for our state; and

WHEREAS, the West Fargo STEM Middle School Robotics Club – the youngest team to participate and place second overall in the Bison BEST Robotics Competition – represents the exciting learning opportunities taking place in classrooms across our state and exemplifies an impressive level of talent, ingenuity and perseverance that exists among North Dakota's future leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 24, 2009, **STEM DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

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